



Arkansas Bee and Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2009 Arkansas Honey Production Down 35 Percent

Honey production during 2009 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.37 million pounds, down 35 percent from 2008. There were 24,000 honey producing colonies in 2009, down 4,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 57 pounds, down 24 percent from 2008. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2009, were 301,000 pounds, down 43 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey increased to \$1.39 per pound in 2009 from \$1.35 per pound in 2008. The value of honey production totaled \$1.9 million, down 33 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U.S., 2008-2009¹

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2008 ²	2009	% Change from '08	2008 ²	2009	% Change from '08
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	28	24	- 14	2,342	2,462	+ 5
Yield per Colony	Pounds	75	57	- 24	69.9	58.5	- 16
Production	1,000 Pounds	2,100	1,368	- 35	163,789	144,108	- 12
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	525	301	- 43	51,159	37,153	- 27
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Dollars	1.35	1.39	+ 3	1.421	1.445	+ 2
Value of Production	1,000 Dollars	2,835	1,902	- 33	232,744	208,236	- 11

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

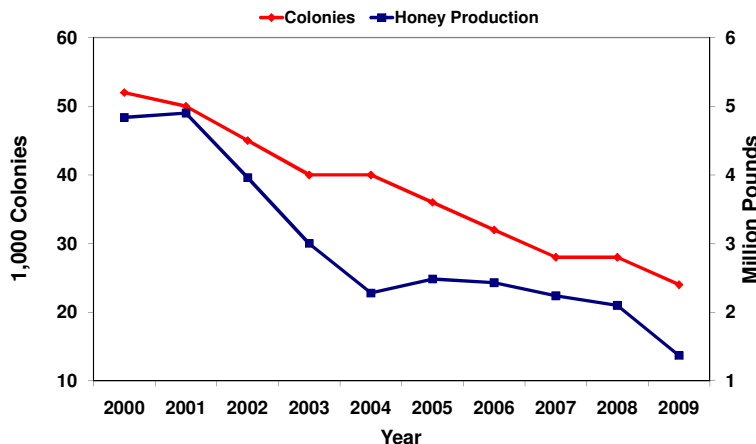
² Revised.

³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 2000-2009



Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2008-2009

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2008	2009	% Change from '08	2008	2009	% Change from '08	2008	2009	% Change from '08
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	135.4	139.2	+ 3	224.7	278.4	+ 24	142.1	144.5	+ 2
Water White, Extra White, and White	138.9	140.8	+ 1	195.0	272.1	+ 40	141.2	142.3	+ 1
Extra Light Amber	135.2	141.7	+ 5	209.7	242.4	+ 16	140.7	146.1	+ 4
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	127.4	133.6	+ 5	240.5	275.6	+ 15	142.0	144.6	+ 2
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	143.3	138.5	- 3	326.8	394.8	+ 21	205.9	217.8	+ 6

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2005-2009

